(b) and (c) The Rashtriya Mahila Kosh, which was set up on 30.03.1993 and commenced lending in November, 1993, plans to cover 2 lakh women during the first 6 years of its operation.

Schools receiving assistance for sports

*46. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many of the 59 schools, receiving assistance under the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme, have sports infrastructures like playing fields, swimming pools, gymnasium board and lodging facilities;

(b) how many of these schools are Municipal Corporation managed; and

(c) how the activities of these schools are being monitored?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Schools adopted under NTSC Scheme have the sports infrastructure required for training disciplines selected for that school. 47 of the schools are at present functional.

(b) 16 schools are Government schools and managed by Municipal Corporation and Educational Boards.

(c) The Regional Centres of Sports Authority of India monitor the activities of these schools by organising competitions between different schools. Also the coaches posted by the SAI in the school keep assessing the performance and report to SAI.

Quantum of water in the rivers of Punjab

*47. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment as to the quantum of water in the rivers of Punjab has been made; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what portion of such water is utilized;

(c) the total requirement of water for Punjab for irrigation purposes; and

(d) what requirement of irrigation is fulfilled by river-waters?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. The mean annual availability of the three rivers, namely, Ravi, Beas and Satlej which flow through Punjab is around 42.5 Billion Cubic Metres.

(b) As per the water accounts maintained by Bhakra Beas Management Board the average annual Utilisation during the last five years is 33.65 Billion Cubic Metres.

(c) and (d) River waters fulfil the irrigation requirements of Punjab to an extent of 18.2 Billion Cubic Metres and Ground water to an extent of 12.83 Billion Cubic Metres.

Satlej-Yamuna Link Canal

*48. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of Satlej-Yamuna Link Canal construction is progressing satisfactorily; and

(b) by when it is expected to be completed and become operational?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Since the killing of the Chief Engineer and a Superintending Engineer of the Project in July 1990, construction work of Satlej Yamuna Link Canal has come to a halt.

(b) The time schedule for completing the project will depend upon the nature and capacity of the Agency/ Agencies to be engaged by Government of Punjab.